GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT AGREEMENTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Indian's rank in the field of export in the world;

(b) the total export from India during the last three years;

(c) the names of the countries with which export agreements have been signed during the last three years;

(d) the achievements made therefrom during the above period so far; and

(e) the measures being taken by the Government to increase the export?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) As per the latest WTO figures available, India ranked 26th position in the world merchandise exports in 2007.

(b) India's total merchandise exports during the last three years are given below:

Year Total Exports (US $ Billion)

2005-06 103.1

2006-07 126.3

2007-08 138.4

April-February,2007-08: Provisional figures

(c) During the last three years (i.e, 2005-06, 2006-07 & 2007-08) India has signed two new Free Trade Agreements i.e, Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) with Singapore on 29th June, 2005 and Preferential Trade Agreement with Chile on 8th March, 2006. Besides, the Free Trade Agreements already in place with Bhutan and Nepal were renewed on 29th July, 2006 and 6th March, 2007 respectively.

(d) India's merchandise exports to these countries during the last three years are given below:

Country (Value: US $ Million)

2005-06 2006-07 2007-08

Singapore 5,425.3 6,016.4 5133.6

Chile	152.2	374.9	179.1
Bhutan	99.2	58.6	62.7
Nepal	860.0	930.7	913.7

April-December, 2007-08: Provisional figures

(e) With a view to increase India's merchandise exports, the Government has taken several initiatives in accordance with the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2004-09 and its Annual Supplements. These initiatives include bringing into force the SEZ Act, 2005 and the implementation of Focus Product Scheme, Focus Market Scheme, Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana, Duty Entitlement Passbook Scheme, Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme, Refund of Service Tax, Relief to Sectors affected by Rupee Appreciation, Promotion of High Value Added Manufactured Products etc. Substantive measures have also been taken to facilitate exports viz. reduction of transaction cost and time, simplification of procedure for exporters etc.